

Brooklyn City Council Finance Committee
January 28, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci

ABSENT: None

MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Chairman Van Kirk jumped to Ord. #2019-4, Authorizing a contract with ____ as supplier of electric energy for the Rec Center and Natatorium. Scott Rafferty, our representative, is here with the results from today. He explained this price will cover until CPP takes over, for approximately six months, with MP2 at 5,078/kwh. He said this will be a \$12,500 savings over six months. Mayor Gallagher said we didn't want to stay on the default plan, the summer rates will peak. Chairman Van Kirk asked if we anticipate the lawsuit will be wrapped up by then. Dir. Butler said no, but we will have more information then. There was brief discussion on the case. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council enter into the agreement with MP2 and adopt. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ord. #2018-92, Establishing Brooklyn Acres Mutual Homes Community Partner rates for membership and programs at the Recreation Center and Natatorium. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky. No: Pucci.

Ord. #2018-93, Establishing Brooklyn Acres Mutual Homes Community Partner rates for membership and programs at the Recreation Center and Natatorium and at the Brooklyn Senior Center. This adds a senior key fob and resident rates for the Cleveland residents of Brooklyn Acres. Councilwoman Pucci said in the spirit of compromise, she would eliminate the senior swipe card, but leave the past practice of resident rates. Chairman Van Kirk felt it wouldn't be consistent with partner rates, as offered to others. Mgr. McGinty said at this time there are only about five Acres persons using the facility and getting the resident rate. Councilman Celcherts suggested grandfathering those people in, but using partner rates going forward. Councilwoman Pucci said she wants to do resident rates for all of them. When asked, Dir. Butler said he was fine with an exemption to those five persons. After further discussion, **MOTION** by Pucci to recommend Council adopt with the changes. *There was no second to the motion.*

Ord. #2018-94, Enacts Ch. 729, relating to the Tobacco21 issue. Dir. Butler said he still had some changes to make and asked it be *held in abeyance* until the next meeting. The Committee agreed.

Ord. #2019-1, Amends Ord. 2018-55, relating to Linndale Community Partner rates at the Rec Center and Natatorium. Chairman Van Kirk pointed out this adds their employees. Councilwoman Balbier asked why we were doing this, and how many this would be for. Mayor Gallagher said Linndale asked for it, and there are about 20 employees. Linndale's Mayor said they will pay for the employees who join. The Committee agreed, but skipped to the next item before a vote was taken.

Res. #2019-1, Authorizes the Mayor to seek financial assistance through the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program. Mayor Gallagher explained she had mentioned several months ago that the gabion walls down in the lower creek had fallen in, and it's been brought to her attention that it is causing water to flood over onto our walking trail. It just came to her attention at the end of last week that this grant that was to be used by West Creek Conservancy, and they informed her it was not going to be done by their group and it opened it up to the city. She explained that the recommendations by our Engineer, NEORS, West Creek Conservancy and Big Creek Connects are to address the problem, and prevent it from occurring again. It includes allowing the

creek to go back to its natural flow, and she showed pictures of what it could look like. They would add a trail up to the Historical Society, and extend the trails down to the ford, which would have to be removed. A footbridge would be added, which she told the joint committee earlier, that Eaton is considering covering the work and cost. It would result in never allowing road traffic through from Rodoan. There was further brief discussion. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt by emergency. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ord. #2019-3, Amends Sect. 151.03 of Ch. 151 of Brooklyn Codified Ords. "Brooklyn Community Improvement Corp"; and approving the formation of the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corp. Chairman Van Kirk said there was a conflict of the date for the annual meeting in the By-Laws, and the change Dir. Butler made allows would work with whatever date the Corp. chooses. *1st Reading*

Ord. #2019-6, Authorizes all actions necessary to accept a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant. Mayor Gallagher said this is the exact same contract that was used last year, and we were informed to use it as it's still in effect. The award is for \$37,148 and will be allocated to the lighting upgrade at the Rec Center, which is already on the Capital Improvement Program list. Councilwoman Pucci asked that Council be given a copy of last year's contract. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Mayor Gallagher said that Dir. Raguz had sent Council financial information (he is absent for this mtg). -She informed that there is a Master Plan Steering mtg. tomorrow and she was given the draft survey, and there were some errors she found, and there could be others, she didn't have time to go over it all. She passed it out to Council to review and asked them to inform her if they see any. No decisions will be made at the Steering mtg. tomorrow, they will have discussions. She mentioned the number of surveys received and due to the amount possible skewed results. Though she and the Council normally would not attend these meetings, she strongly suggested that this one should be attended if possible due to the errors and information that will be shared. -She said regarding the school mound, she spoke to Dr. Gleichauf, and also emailed him the concerns and questions Council had, but has received no response yet. She will keep Council informed when she hears anything.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn. **VOTE:** Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary-Jo Banish, Clerk of Council

Minutes approved: 2.11.19